

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
20 House Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
March 10, 2015

Members Present: Rep. LaVar Christensen, Chair
Rep. Merrill Nelson, Vice Chair
Rep. Fred C. Cox
Rep. Bruce Cutler
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Kevin J. Stratton
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present: Mr. Gregg Girvan, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Black, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

S.B. 296 Antidiscrimination and Religious Freedom Amendments (*Sen. S. Urquhart*)

Chair Christensen invited further comment from the public.

Spoke for the bill: Sherrie Park
Gary Thorpe, EBay
Marina Lowe, Policy Counsel, ACLU
Robin Fretwell Wilson, Law Professor, University of Illinois

Spoke against the bill: Scott Bradley
Pastor Dave Mallinak, Berean Baptist Church
Lacey Smith
Colton Bennett

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass S.B. 296 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Greene and Rep. Oda voting in opposition.

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the chair

S.B. 236 Justice Court Judges Retirement Amendments (*Sen. T. Weiler*)

Sen. Weiler explained the bill to the committee.

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Spoke to the bill: Dee Larsen, Utah Retirement Systems

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass S.B.236 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hall and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

S.B. 282 Administrative Law Judge Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Amanda Smith, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Spoke for the bill: Jeff Hartley, Red Leaf Resources

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to replace S.B. 282 with 1st Substitute S.B. 282. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to pass S.B. 282 out favorably as substituted. The motion passed with Rep. Christensen and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.B. 449 Amendments to Adoptive Studies and Evaluations (*Rep. E. Redd*)

Rep. Redd explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to return H.B. 449 to the Rules Committee for Interim Study. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.B. 451 Grand Jury Expansion Amendments (*Rep. M. Roberts*)

Rep. Roberts explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Jeff Buhman , Utah County Attorney
Steve Burton, Utah Criminal Defense Lawyers
Paul Boyden, Executive Director, Statewide Area Prosecutors
Rick Schwermer, Executive Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute

Spoke for the bill: Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney

MOTION: Rep. Greene moved to return H.B. 451 to the Rules Committee for further study during the Interim Session. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 257 Antitrust Amendments (*Sen. C. Bramble*)

Bill was heard and vote was taken in March 9, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

LaVar Christensen, Chair